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Applicant: HANS KUEHL ET AL.

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Withdrawal of the holding of abandonment and reinstatement of the above-identified application to pending status under 37 CFR 1.137(a) and 37 CFR 1.181 are hereby requested since the Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 USC 371 dated July 23, 1999 was not received by the undersigned, as confirmed through a search of the file jacket and docket records, until May 23, 2000.

Attached hereto is a complete copy of our entire one page docket record for August 23, 1999 (one month from the July 23, 1999 mailing date of the Notification of Missing Requirements). The lack of a notation for a response to the Notification of Missing Requirements in the docket records indicates that the Notification was never received.

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A copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements was only received by facsimile on May 23, 2000 in response to status requests.

The failure to timely respond to the Notification of Missing Requirements was not the fault of the Applicants. It is again respectfully requested that the Holding of Abandonment be withdrawn.

If there are any questions regarding this petition or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

Please charge any required fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #225/44905).

May 7, 2001

Respectfully submitted

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